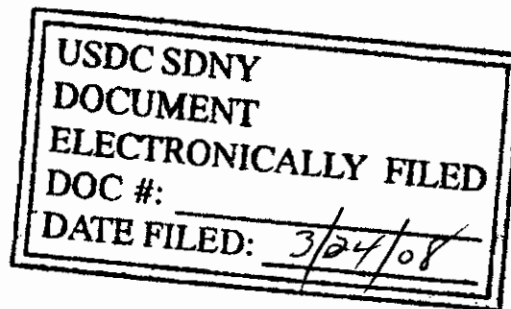


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March 19, 2008

Honorable Loretta A. Preska
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Room 1320
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Velasco
07 CR-00275 LAP

Dear Judge Preska:

Reference is made to the above case and prior court appearances. Due to recent illness of defense counsel, a request to modify the motion schedule, previously set is necessary.

After consulting with Assistant United States Attorney Reed Brodsky and with his consent, it is requested that defense motions be served on **April 2, 2008**; the Government's response on **April 16, 2008** and defense to reply thereto on **April 23, 2008**. All parties agree to maintain **April 28, 2008** for oral argument and necessary Court appearance. Defense consents to the exclusion of time to **April 28, 2008** from calculation under the Speedy Trial Act.

in the interests of justice.


March 22, 2008

SO ORDERED

Loretta A. Preska
LORETTA A. PRESKA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

If Your Honor requires any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,


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